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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON RELATIONS WITH
THE STATE OF QATAR

1. I AM ABOUT TO BE REASSIGNED AFTER ALMOST 3 YEARS AS THE
PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE OF QATAR, WHERE
I HAVE BEEN THE FIRST RESIDENT US AMBASSADOR. I WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE THIS ONE OCCASION TO RENDER AN ACCOUNT OF MY STEWARDSHIP
DIRECTLY TO YOU.

2. STARTING FROM SCRATCH IN THE SUMMER OF 1974 WITH THE
SUPPORT OF AN ABLE AND DEDICATED STAFF, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A
RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED US PRESENCE IN THIS SMALL, ARAB, OPEC,
SUPER-AFFLUENT BUT DEVELOPING COUNTRY. WE ARE HEARD, IF NOT
ALWAYS HEEDDED, AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT, OUR
TRADE IS FLOURISHING, DESPITE A LARGE PETROLEUM EXPORT INDUCED
DEFICIT, AND THERE IS QUICKENING INTEREST FROM THE QATARI SIDE
IN CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATION-
AL FIELDS.

3. OUR GOOD RELATIONS WITH QATAR ARE BASED ON STRONG MUTUAL
INTERESTS. THE QATARIS LOOK TO US AS THE ULTIMATE GUARANTOR OF
THEIR SECURITY IN OUR ROLE AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD; AS THE
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ONLY HOPE OF BRINGING A JUST PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST; AS THE
PRIME SOURCE OF THE HUMANE KNOWLEDGE, GOODS AND TECHNOLOGY TO
DEVELOP THEIR COUNTRY AND SOCIETY. FROM OUR SIDE, WE NEED
QATAR'S PETROLEUM AND SURPLUS REVENUES; ITS MODERATING AND
POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE AS A "BANKROLLER" ON THE ARAB
SIDE OF THE MIDDLE EAST EQUATION; ITS MARKET FOR OUR GOODS,
TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES.

4. DURING MY FIRST YEARS IN QATAR, OUR RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH CORDIAL, WAS CHARACTERIZED BY RESERVE ON THE QATARI SIDE. THIS WAS PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF OUR NEWNESS ON THE SCENE AND UNFAMILIARITY WITH THINGS AND WAYS AMERICAN. THE PRIMARY REASON, HOWEVER, WAS THE QATARIS' UNCERTAINTY AS TO OUR INTENTIONS TOWARD THE ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE WHOSE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION IS SEEN AS VITAL TO THE DESTINY OF THEIR COUNTRY. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS THIS RESERVE HAS BEEN DROPPED AND REPLACED BY THE CONVICTION THAT THE US IS DETERMINED TO SEE JUSTICE DONE FOR ALL PARTIES TO THIS DISPUTE. ALTHOUGH THIS CONVICTION HAS GIVEN RISE TO GREAT EXPECTATIONS, THESE ARE TEMPERED WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE WILL BE LONG AND DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS CONVICTION IS ALREADY WORKING IN OUR FAVOR IN TERMS OF ATTITUDE AND RECEPTIVENESS AND HAS MARKEDLY IMPROVED THE ATMOSPHERE OF OUR RELATIONS.

5. IN SUM, OUR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH QATAR IS EXCELLENT, WITH THE PROMISE OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT DEPENDING ON ACHIEVEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE. I CONCLUDE WITH A SINGLE RECOMMENDATION--THAT WE ACCORD MORE ATTENTION TO OUR RELATIONS WITH QATAR BY RECEIVING ITS OFFICIALS AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL WHEN THEY VISIT THE US, AND BY SENDING OUR OWN VIPS TO VISIT HERE. THERE HAS BEEN A POLITE BUT CONSISTENT REFRAIN OF COMPLAINT DURING MY TENURE OF OUR "LACK OF INTEREST." THE QATARIS HAVE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO YOUR DECLARED INTENTION OF INTENSIFYING OUR COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND LITTLE FELLOWS OF THIS WORLD. THEY CRAVE GESTURES OF RECOGNITION THAT THEY TOO EXIST IN THIS COSMOS; I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT SMALL GESTURES OF ATTENTION WILL PAY DISPROPORTIONATE DIVIDENDS IN STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONS.

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6. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS COUNTRY, AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THE HONOR AND OPPORTUNITY. I LEAVE WITH THE SATISFACTION THAT US RELATIONS WITH QATAR ARE STRONGER AND BROADER THAN WHEN I ARRIVED, AND THAT A FOUNDATION HAS BEEN BUILT FOR FURTHER COOPERATION IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. I ALSO HOPE THAT WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED HERE WILL BE A CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL US INTERESTS, TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THIS VITAL AREA AND HENCE THE WORLD.

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